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DIA Changes Its Best Practices Program

Des Moines, IA (September 20, 2011) – Effective October 1, 2011, the Department of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) will no longer evaluate Best Practices submitted by Iowa health care providers and suppliers. Rather, all best practices submitted by health care providers, including nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, residential care facilities, assisted living programs, elder group homes, etc., will be posted to the Internet so that they may be shared with other facilities and programs. The Best Practices Program was initially designed to encourage facilities to share new or innovative methods to care for their residents.

While we will continue to categorize Best Practices submissions, the Department will no longer make determinations about what constitutes “the” best practice in a particular area. All health care providers and suppliers are encouraged to review the Best Practices website (<http://dia.iowa.gov/page30.html>), and replicate the success experienced by other facilities and programs.

In order to facilitate the posting of Best Practices, a template has been developed for use by facilities and programs. The Department reserves the right to edit submissions for clarity and brevity. Posting of a Best Practice to the website does not constitute an endorsement by the Department of any particular method, nor does it establish a standard of care or service. Best Practices are simply success stories to be shared among and between Iowa’s health care providers and suppliers.

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